WHAT IS DUI?

• It is defined as Driving Under the Influence and refers to impairment resulting from alcohol and/or other drugs. The most common DUI offense is drunk driving, which is operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or greater. A DUI arrest may also occur at lower BAC levels with other competent evidence.

• A DUI offense may also include being under the influence of **any** medication, inhalant or substance, legal or illegal, that renders an individual impaired.

• Impairment slows reflexes, distorts coordination, blurs vision, and can cause drowsiness or unconsciousness. When driving, these conditions threaten safety and lives.

THERE IS NO TYPICAL DUI OFFENDER.

• They come from all walks of life and income levels. They are also from all age groups. However, nationally, 21-34-year-olds are responsible for more alcohol-related crash fatalities than any other age group.

DUI IS MUCH MORE THAN JUST A TICKET.

• DUI is classified as a violent crime. You're arrested. Handcuffed. Booked. Fingerprinted. Put in jail. And that's only the beginning of your problems.

• You face criminal charges. You'll need money, and lots of it, for bail, bond, attorney fees, fines, court-ordered assessments, and remedial education or treatment programs.

• You'll lose your driver's license and possibly your job. And watch your insurance premiums increase, if you're lucky enough not to be canceled.

• A DUI offense is costly, embarrassing and never erased from your driving record.

• By far the worst DUI consequence is that you could be responsible for the serious injury or death of another person or yourself.

• So if you choose to drink, don't risk getting a DUI arrest or causing a crash. Use a designated driver or call a cab. Remember, drinking and driving don't mix.

*A **safety belt** is your **best defense** against a drunk driver.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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Statutory Summary Suspension Penalties

	Loss of Driving Privileges	Driving Permit
Failing Chemical Testing, first offense	3 months	Eligible for Judicial Driving Permit on 31st day of suspension
Refusing to Submit to Chemical Testing, first offense	6 months	Eligible for Judicial Driving Permit on 31st day of suspension
Failing Chemical Testing, second or subsequent offense	12 months	Not eligible for Judicial Driving Permit; must apply for Restricted Driving Permit, not effective until 91st day of suspension
Refusing to Submit to Chemical Testing, second or subsequent offense	36 months	Not eligible for Judicial Driving Permit; must apply for Restricted Driving Permit, not effective until 25th month of suspension

IN ADDITION TO AN AUTOMATIC DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION, A DUI OFFENDER MUST ALSO APPEAR IN COURT TO FACE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AND THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES UPON CONVICTION:

DUI Penalties

Conviction	Loss of Driving Privileges	Jail	Fine	Community Service	Driving Permit
DUI, first (Class A Misdemeanor)	Minimum 1 year	Possible imprisonment for up to 1 year	up to $2,500		Eligible to apply for a Restricted Driving Permit
DUI, second within 20 years (Class A Misdemeanor)	Minimum 5 years	Possible imprisonment for up to 1 year; mandatory 2 days (or 10 days community service) for second conviction in 5 years	up to $2,500	10 days community service (or two days in jail) for second conviction in 5 years	Eligible to apply for a Restricted Driving Permit
DUI, third (Class 4 Felony)	Minimum 10 years	Possible imprisonment for 1-3 years	up to $25,000	If given probation, possible 30 days community service or 48 hours jail	Eligible to apply for a Restricted Driving Permit
DUI, fourth or subsequent (Class 4 Felony)	For life	Possible imprisonment for 1-3 years	up to $25,000	If given probation, possible 30 days community service or 48 hours jail	Not eligible

DRIVERS UNDER AGE 21 ARE SUBJECT TO ZERO TOLERANCE AND GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING LAWS, AS WELL AS MORE SEVERE PENALTIES FOR DUI.

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